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SUBJECT: MARCH 31 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

PRC RADIO REPORTS DROUGHT IN RICE-GROWING KWANGTUNG PROVINCE
IS WORSENING (REUTER HK).

IN EFFORT BOOST INDUSTRIES/WORKER ENTHUSIASM, PRC IS
LAUNCHING INCENTIVE DRIVE. "PD" SAYS PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE:
"FROM EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY TO EACH ACCORDING TO
HIS WORK" (JOC PEKING).

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TREASURY STUDYING WHETHER IMPORTS OF TAIWAN'S PVC--WHICH
TOTALLED 8.6 MILLION DOLS IN '76--BEING DUMPED ON US MKT
(WSJ).

SEVEN TIBETANS END 10-DAY HUNGER STRIKE OUTSIDE NEW DELHI'S
UNINFO CENTER AFTER NEW INDIAN RULERS GIVE ASSURANCES OF
SUPPORT FOR DEMANDS FOR RIGHT OF TIBETAN SELF-DETERMINATION

(WP; RUETER NEW DELHI 3/30).

2. HONG KONG

TRAVELERS LIFE INSURANCE CO HAS OPENED HK OFFICES. FIRM PRES NOTES SALES OBJECTIVE INCLUDES ENTIRE POPULATION COLONY (JOC HARTFORD).

3. JAPAN

JAPAN'S FISHERY AGENCY 3/30 REJECTED SOVIET DEMAND FOR FISHING RIGHTS WITHIN JAPAN'S TERRITORIAL WATERS, AFTER THEY ARE EXTENDED FROM 3 TO 12 MILES LATER THIS YR. USSR WANTS RIGHTS IN RETURN FOR ALLOWING JAPANESE BOATS INSIDE 200-MI ZONE DECLARED 3/1. OFFICIAL SOURCES IN TOKYO SAY JAPAN WILL SEND ENVOY TO MOSCOW IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO TRY END DEADLOCK (REUTER TOKYO 3/30).

BINDER (NYT) REPORTS ADMIN OFFICIALS 3/30 CONFIRMED MANSFIELD SELECTION AS AMB TO JAPAN.

UNDER 5-YR AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED 3/30, MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC, NOT SONY, WILL BUILD COLOR VIDEO TAPE RECORDERS TO RCA CORP'S SPECIFICATIONS, TO BE SOLD IN US UNDER RCA LABEL BEGINNING IN LATE SUMMER. MATSUSHITA'S PANASONIC SUBSIDIARY ALSO EXPECTED MARKET OWN LINE VIDEO UNIT IN US (SCHMEDEL, WSJ; TELFER, JOC).

EC EXPECTS EXTEND BY 3 MOS IMPOSITION PROVISIONAL ANTI-UNCLASSIFIED

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DUMPING DUTIES ON JAPANESE BALL-BEARINGS. JAPANESE HAVE AGREED TO MOVE, AS REQUIRED UNDER GATT. EC OFFICIALS INSISTS THAT W/O EXTENSION, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TIME PROPERLY EXAMINE SITUATION (DREYER, JOC).

UK'S DEPT OF TRADE SAID 3/30 SOARING IMPORTS JAPANESE COLOR TV SETS LAST MONTH DOES NOT MEAN JAPAN READY GRAB LARGER SLICE BRITISH MARKET. SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED BELIEF JAPAN WOULD STICK TO MARKET SHARE FORECAST MADE LAST NOV (JOC).

JOC PRINTS LENGTHY ARTICLE BY EXEC DIRECTOR JAPAN TRADE CENTER IN CHICAGO NISHIKAWA, WHO PROVIDES OVERVIEW PRESENT US-JAPAN TRADING PARTNERSHIP/ECON SITUATIONS. MENTIONS RECORD BILATERAL TRADE/US' NEED FOR MORE KNOWLEDGE JAPAN/JAPANESE BUSINESS' COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE. URGES US-JAPAN COOPERATION HELP SPUR WORLD TRADE.

AMB TOGO'S WIFE FUMIHIKO ATTENDED ANNUAL LUNCHEON-FASHION

SHOW AT WASHINGTON HILTON 3/30 AS PART CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL (WP).

4. PHILIPPINES

BINDER (NYT) CITES ADMIN SOURCES WHO SAY AMONG CARTER'S DIPL CHOICES IS WM SULLIVAN AS AMB TO IRAN.

5. KOREA

WB OFFICIALS SAY SK WON APPROVAL 3/30 FOR INTL LOANS TOTALLING 2.5 BIL DOLS PER YR THRUOUT CURRENT 5-YR DEVELOPMENT PLAN. AMT 500 MIL DOLS PER YR MORE THAN RECEIVED DURING PAST 3 YRS. WB COMMUNIQUE SAID PLAN EXPECTED STRENGTHEN SK'S BOP/EXPORT DRIVE (REUTER PARIS 3/30).

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LAT ITEM (3/30) ON PRES' APPROVAL 2-BIL-DOL ARMS AID NOTES WHILE WH WOULDN'T NAME COUNTRIES INVOLVED, WP QUOTED ADMIN SOURCES AS MENTIONING SK AMONG THEM.

6. MALAYSIA

MALAYSIAN RUBBER EXCHANGE CHRMN SAID 3/30 TOTAL 29 FIRMS IN US/UK/France/FRG/JAPAN HAVE BECOME ASSOCIATE MEMBERS EXCHANGE. FACT IN LINE W/GOM'S POLICY DEVELOPING EXCHANGE INTO MAJOR INTL RUBBER MARKETING CENTER (REUTER KL 3/30).

MALAYSIAN HIGH COURT DECREED 3/29 DEATH SENTENCE FOR 24-YR-OLD REPUTED GANG LEADER CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION REVOLVER/AMMO. MAN 18TH SENTENCED DIE SINCE ILLEGAL ARMS POSSESSION BECAME CAPITAL OFFENSE IN '75; SO FAR NO SENTENCES CARRIED OUT (REUTER KL, 3/30).

7. THAILAND

BANGKOK POLICE HAVE ISSUED LIST THAIS BANNED FROM LEAVING COUNTRY BECAUSE WANTED FOR INTERROGATION IN CONNECTION W/ABORTIVE COUP 3/27. HIGH-RANKING MIL SOURCE SAID 3/29 MIL ORDERED ARREST/QUESTIONING OVER 100 MIL OFFICERS/ CIVILIANS (REUTER BANGKOK 3/30).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

BUTTERFIELD SAYS HK ANALYSTS BELIEVE KEY 2-WK MEETING PRC

LEADERS COMPLETED. DIP SOURCES OPINE TENG'S REHABILITATION APPROVED, BUT EFFECTIVE DATE UNCLEAR. CHAO TSANG-PI, WHO HAS CLOSE TIES TENG, MAY HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AS NEW

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OFFICIALLY DISMISSED "GANG OF FOUR" FROM POSTS/EXPELLED THEM FROM PARTY, ETC (NYT, HK).

ACCORDING TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, CHINESE SEEM SETTING UP 9 COUNTIES IN HUNAN, FORMERLY ADMINISTERED BY HUA AS AGRICULTURAL SHOWPLACE (CSM SPEC, CHANGSHA).

9. HONG KONG

JOC CARRIES BATSON ARTICLE ON HK BANK GROUP'S INTEREST IN CHICAGO'S FOREIGN TRADE POTENTIAL. BATSON, SENIOR VICE PRES/MGR HK & SHANGHAI BANKING CORP CHICAGO BRANCH, DISCUSSES US EXPORTS TO MID AND FAR EAST, OPINES MANY AMERICANS NOT SUFFICIENTLY DYNAMIC TO SELL "MADE IN AMERICA"; SAYS OWN SURVEYS SHOW MAJOR EXPORTS OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR FOOD PRODUCTS, PLANT/FARM/CONSTRUCTION/POLLUTION-CONTROL EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY.

10. INDOCHINA

UPI (SINGAPORE) REPORT FINDS CAMBODIA "COMING OUT OF ITS SHELL." "CITES MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE VISIT BY FONMIN IENG SARY, NOTES BOTH COUNTRIES CALLED VISIT "TENSION-EASING," "EXPLORATORY"--POSSIBLY LEADING TO TRADE RELS. SINGAPORE STRAITS TIMES EDIT DECLARED THE TWO HAVE "NO REASON AT ALL" HARBOR "ILL WILL" TOWARD EACH OTHER; BELIEVES CAMBODIA BEGINNING "MEND FENCES" IN REGION (BALT NA).

WSTAR (3/30) SEES US-VN RELS IMPROVING AS "PREOCCUPATION" W/"UNHAPPY PAST" REMOVED AS OBSTACLE TO NORMAL RELS. MENTIONS WOODCOCK MISSION CONVINCED VN'S DESIRE PROVIDE WHATEVER CAN BE LEARNED ABOUT MIAS. BELIEVES BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE "CURRENT INTERESTS" THAT SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER PAST BATTLES. VN SEEKS TRADE/INVESTMENT/UN ADMISSION; US HAS STAKE IN ENHANCING VN'S ECON/POL
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INDEPENDENCE FROM SOV SPONSORSHIP. CONCLUDES CARTER

ADMIN FREER THAN PREDECESSORS CONCENTRATE ON PRESENT RATHER THAN ON HOW RECTIFY/"PAPER OVER" PAST TROUBLES. CONCLUDES "OPENING MOVES ARE ENCOURAGING."

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (NYDN) DISCUSS ALLEGED SECRET CODICIL TO '73 PEACE AGREEMENT W/NVN. STATE "TOP US SOURCE" READ THEM EXCERPTS FROM ALLEGED CODICIL PROMISING NVN 3.25 BIL DOLS IN "GRANT AID," 85 PCT OF WHICH HANOI AGREED SPEND IN US. NOTE HOUSE ASIAN AFFAIRS CMTE CHRNM WOLFF WROTE PRIVATELY TO NIXON/HAK,BUT RECEIVED NO SATISFACTORY REPLIES. PREDICT HOUSE WILL SUBPOENA THEM IF THIS ONLY WAY DISCOVER TRUTH. RICHARD HUGHES (WHO SPENT 8 YRS IN SVN, AND FOUNDED/ OPERATED HOSTELS FOR STREET CHILDREN UNDER "SHOESHINE BOYS PROJECT") TELLS NYT ITS 3/21 EDIT'S "ONE BOLD RAY OF TRUTH"--THAT VN EXPERIENCE WAS ALWAYS MORE COMPLEX THAN IDEOLOGUES OF EITHER SIDE WOULD ALLOW--"COLLIDED HEAD-ON" WITH PAPER'S "UNRESERVEDLY ACCEPTING GELINAS' OFF-THE-WALL CONCLUSION THAT THE SOUTH'S 'APPARATUS' IS NOW 'ENTIRELY RUSSIAN.'" URGES END TO "EXCRUCIATINGLY IRRELEVANT DEBATES" AND CONCENTRATING ON "HEALING PROCESS WHICH HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN."

DISCUSSING RECENT ARREST OF FORMER LAO KING SAVANG VATTHANA, RUETER'S ROBERS (VIENTIANE) CITES OFFICIAL SOURCES THAT KING IS ALIVE/WELL/HAVING IDEAS CHANGED. SPECULATES GOVT HAS NOT ANNOUNCED ARREST BECAUSE IT WANTS GAUGE STREET REACTION TO KING'S FINAL DEPARTURE FROM PUBLIC LIFE.

KNIGHT NEWS SERVICE'S MCCARTNEY COMPARES ZAIRE W/US' INDOCHINA INVOLVEMENT. STATES WH "PUT THE BREAKS" ON FURTHER US INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE FOR FEAR US COULD BE LURED INTO ANOTHER VN. QUOTES "TOP-LEVEL OFFICIAL" THAT "ZA RE IS THE LAOS OF AFRICA." BELIEVES STATEMENT CORRECT UNCLASSIFIED

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DUE FACT ZAIRE, LIKE LAOS, SO FRAGMENTED POLITICALLY THAT US UNABLE FIND WAY PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SUPPORT RESIST COMMUNIST ENCROACHMENT (GLOBE).

11. THAILAND

NYT'S ANDELMAN (BANGKOK) SAYS RULING THAI MIL JUNTA'S ROUNDUP OF RIGHT-WING OPPOSITION MEMBERS SEEMS SIMILAR TO EVENTS AFTER OCT 6 COUP IN WHICH PRESENT REGIME CAME TO POWER. OBSERVES SCORES TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR INTER-ROGATION IN LAST 2 DAYS, FOREIGN TRAVEL BANNED FOR LONG LIST OF CIVILIAN POLITICANS/MIL OFFICERS/BUSINESSMEN/ RIGHT-WING INTELLECTUALS/JOURNALISTS (ALSO IN SUN).

12. GENERAL

NYT SALUTES CURRENT "SPRINGTIME IN AMERICAN DIPLOMACY,"
AS NEW PRES/NEW SPIRIT HAVE PRODUCED THAW IN ATTITUDES
TOWARD VN/PANAMA/MUCH OF AFRICA/CUBA--WITH THOUGHTS ALSO
TURNED TO NEXT STEPS WITH PRC/NEW ME NEGOTS, ETC. FEELS
US NEEDS RESTORE DIPLO REACH TO ALL PARTS GLOBE, AND THIS
ALONE JUSTIFIES NEW LOOK AT STRUGGLING AFRICAN REGIMES AND
SCHEDULED TALKS TO ESTABLISH RELS WITH SRV.
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